GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Higher Education Department – Procurement of services from NICSI empanelled agency M/s. KPMG India Services LLP for establishing the Project Management Unit (PMU) in Higher Education Department as part of Learning Excellence in Andhra Pradesh (LEAP) initiative – Sanction Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (C.E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No:39 **Dated:05.03.2025**

Read the following:

1. From the Director of Collegiate Education, A.PLr.Rc.No.02/CCE-AP/AC Cell/IT Team/AC-02/2024, Dated: 10-12-2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.86, Finance (HR.I-LG&Policy) Department, Dt:30.08.2024.
3. From the Director of Collegiate Education, A.PLr.Rc.No.08/CCE-AP/AC Cell/IT Team/AC-02/2024, Dated: 14-02-2025.
4. Proposal along with terms of Reference uploaded to NIDHI portal for engaging NICSI-empanelled agency, Dt.: 13.12.2024.
5. Finance Concurrence obtained for the proposal entitled as HEAP (Higher education Excellence in Andhra Pradesh), dated:31.01.2025. (HEAP (in NIDHI): EHE03-02)
6. From the Director, Collegiate Education, Lr.No.09/CCE-AP/AC Cell/IT Team/AC- 02/2024, dated 21.02.2025.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government issued revised guidelines for procurement of services from Consulting Agencies/Individual Consultants for effective implementation of Development Missions.

2. The Government intends to create a world-class, inclusive, and future-ready higher education ecosystem under the "Learning Excellence in Andhra Pradesh" (LEAP) initiative. This transformation project involves six key pillars namely Increasing accessibility with inclusivity to Higher Education, Future Curriculum & Pedagogy, Ranking and Accreditation, Industry Engagement & Research clusters, Internationalization of Higher Education and Policy and Governance. The plan also includes a focus on Digital Transformation & Digital Platforms to streamline data systems and build an integrated HE portal with analytical capabilities. To achieve these objectives, the government plans to establish a Project Management Unit (PMU) with a team of qualified personnel to assist in developing and implementing the strategic plan.

3. The Director of Collegiate Education, AP, Mangalagiri, informed that following the step-wise process in G.O. 2nd read above, the department prepared a detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and Procurement Proposal for engaging a NICSI-empanelled agency and submitted it to the Finance Department via the NIDHI portal in the proposal in ref 4th read above. The Finance Department's Screening Committee in the ref 5th read above, approved the proposal, selecting M/s. KPMG India Services LLP, a NICSI - empanelled consulting agency with expertise in higher education initiatives, has been selected to support the Higher Education Department under the LEAP initiative. The Director, Collegiate Education, Mangalagiri, has requested the Government to issue necessary orders as per the Finance Department's concurrence.

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4. After careful examination of the matter, the Government in terms of the instructions issued and concurrence accorded in the references 2nd & 5th read above respectively, hereby permit the Director, Collegiate Education, to engage the services of M/s. KPMG India Services LLP for setting up of Project Management Unit (PMU) consisting of 08 Members for Higher Education Department. The PMU shall function as per the Terms of Reference (ToR) and agreed milestones based on NICSI rates as approved by the Screening Committee Meeting held on 09.01.2025, for a period of 12 months at a cost Rs.4,28,44,750/- (Rupees four crores twenty eight lakhs forty four thousand seven hundred and fifty only).

5. The Chairman, APSCHE and Director of Collegiate Education shall submit monthly performance reports of individual resources working with them with respect to TOR and agreed milestones from time to time for approval and permission to release funds accordingly. The entire expenditure for setting up of Project Management Unit (PMU) consisting of 08 Members for Higher Education Department shall be incurred from the internal funds of the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

6. The Chairman, A.P. State Council for Higher Education, A.P and the Director, Collegiate Education shall take further necessary action accordingly.

7. This order is issued with the concurrence of the proposal screening committee and subsequent changes in reference 5th cited and the Finance Department through online NIDHI portal as per the orders issued in reference 2nd read above.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KONA SASIDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Chairman, APSCHE, Mangalagiri.
The Director, Collegiate Education, A.P.Mangalagiri,
The Secretary, APSCHE, Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
O.S.D to Hon'ble Minister HRD
P.S to Secretary to Govt., HED,
Finance Dept.,(HR-I-LG & Policy)Dept.,
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SECTION OFFICER
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